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ABSTRACT

Public Services – Water Resources Department - Allegation of acquisition of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income against Sri Vakamudi Venkata Nageswara Rao, Chief Engineer (Projects), Irrigation& CAD Department, Ananthapur, Ananthapur District (now retired) – Final Report received - Convicted by the Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE&ACB Cases, Kurnool, dated: 13.03.2017 in C.C.No.78/2013 – Punishment imposed withholding pensionary benefits in full permanently – Criminal Appeal filed in the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. against the orders of A.C.B. Court – Acquitted – Further action dropped in criminal proceedings – Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (VIGILANCE-II/A2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 584 **Dated: 31-10-2025**

Read the following

1. Letter No. Rc/ENC/P2/51339/2007, dated: 20.03.2010 received from the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Irrigation & CAD, A.P., Hyderabad.
2. G.O.Rt.No.329, Irrigation & CAD [Ser.VI(1)]Dept, dated: 26.03.2010.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1119, Irrigation & CAD [Ser.VI(1)] Dept, dated: 20.09.2010.
4. From the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad. Letter Rc.No.35/RCA-ATP/2010-S14, dated: 19.05.2010.
5. From the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter Rc.No.35/RCA-ATP/2010-S14, dated: 20.09.2012.
6. Hon'ble Special Judge for Trail of SPE & ACB cases, Kurnool, Judgment dated: 13.03.2017 in C.C.No.78/2013.
7. G.O.Ms.No 47, WR(Vig.I) Department, dated: 29.08.2017.
8. From the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., Orders, dated: 24.01.2023 in Criminal Appeal No.324 of 2017 filed by Sri Vakamudi Venkata Nageswara Rao, CE(Rtd).
9. From DG, ACB, Letter RC No. 035/RCA-ATP/2010, dated: 11.04.2023.
10. Govt. Memo. No: 7405/Vigilance-II/A2/2010, dated: 10.08.2024.

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ORDER:-

Whereas, in the reference 4th read above, it was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri V.V. Nageswara Rao, C.E.(Retd.), I&CAD Dept, Ananthapur is in possession of assets disproportionate to the known source of his legal income in his name and in the names of family members, a case in Cr. No. 2/RCA-ATP/2010 under Section 13(2) read with 13(1) (e) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered against him.

2. And whereas, in the reference 5th read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad in his final report has recommended prosecution in a court of law for the offences punishable under section 13 (1) (e) read with 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and departmental action under Rules 9 (1), (2) & (7), 10(1-A) and Rules 3 (1) & (2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct)

Rules, 1964 against the Accused Officer, Sri V.V. Nageswara Rao, Chief Engineer (Projects), Irrigation & CAD Department, Ananthapur, and he has also stated that the Accused Officer was retired from service on 31.08.2011 on attaining the age of superannuation, no sanction order was required for filling the charge sheet against the accused officer.

3. And whereas, in the reference 6th read above, the Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Kurnool, has pronounced the judgment dated: 13.03.2017 in C.C.No.78/2013, and found that Sri V.V. Nageswara Rao, Chief Engineer (Projects), Irrigation & CAD Department, Ananthapur (Retired) is guilty of the charges and accordingly convicted him under section 248 (2) of Criminal Procedure Code and sentenced him to undergo two years rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs.5000/- in default to undergo simple imprisonment for two months.

4. And whereas, the Government after examination of the matter, have ordered to impose the punishment of withholding pensionary benefits in full permanently against the accused officer, Sri V.V. Nageswara Rao, Chief Engineer (Retired) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as the said accused officer was found guilty of the offences punishable under Section 13(2) read with 13(1) (e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and convicted by the orders of the Hon'ble Special Judge of SPE&ACB Cases, Kurnool in his judgment dated: 13.03.2017 in C.C.No.78/2013, vide reference 7th read above.

5. And whereas, aggrieved by the judgment of Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE& ACB Cases, Kurnool dated: 13.03.2017 in C.C.No.78/2013, the accused officer Sri V.V. Nageswara Rao, Chief Engineer (Retired) filled Criminal Appeal No. 324 of 2017 before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. In the reference 8th read above, the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., pronounced its judgment dated: 24.01.2023 in said appeal, wherein the accused officer was found not guilty of the charge leveled against him and he was acquitted of the said charge.

6. And whereas, in the reference 9th read above, the D.G., A.C.B. stated that, the Bureau is of the opinion that it is a fit case to file Special Leave Petition before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and hence requested to accord permission to file Special Leave Petition before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the orders of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh in Criminal Appeal No 324/2017. Government after examination of the matter, have decided not to agree to above request and accordingly rejected to accord permission to the DG, ACB to file SLP before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide reference 10th read above.

7. After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided and hereby orders to drop the criminal action against Sri V.V. Nageswara Rao, CE (Rtd), as he was found not guilty and acquitted of the charge under Section 13 (2) read with 13(1) (e) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 vide judgment, dated: 24.01.2023 of Hon'ble High Court of A.P., in Criminal Appeal No.324 of 2017 filed by the individual and also decided to revoke the earlier punishment i.e. withholding pensionary benefits in full permanently imposed on Sri V.V. Nageswara Rao, C.E. (Retd.) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, A.P., Vijayawada

and Water Resources (Services. II) Department shall take necessary action accordingly and furnish the compliance report to Government immediately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRAPRADESH)

G SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The Accountant General, A.P, Hyderabad.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, AP Secretariat, Amaravati.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER